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But the hon. Member knows fully well that the present Minister in charge of Local Administration is taking action quickly and necessary instructions are also being issued in time. Therefore I said he did not really mean what he said. There is nothing more in that."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I want your ruling on the point of order raised by me, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister has explained the matter. The hon. Member must be satisfied with that explanation."

SRI D. K. RAJU :—" In view of the fact there are numerous cases of misappropriation like this in panchayat boards, will the Government issue a general order that Government will not treat such matters lightly?"

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" We will consider the suggestion, Sir."

Starting of a Harijan colony in Panathady village, Kasaragod taluk.

* 438 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to start a Harijan colony in Panathady village, Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district; and

(*b*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The colony will be started as soon as the survey work is completed."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know, Sir, how far the survey work has progressed?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Sir, the Collector, South Kanara has reported that R.S. No. 313/6 Panathadi village, Kasaragode taluk, measuring about 1,600 acres are unsurveyed lands and that about 150 families have settled down there since several years by constructing houses and bringing lands here and there under cultivation. The plots occupied have not so far been assigned to the occupants as it was not found possible for the surveyors to measure the huge area due to the hilly nature of the land with ups and downs and prepare subdivision records. Sanction was accorded to the appointment of the special surveyor, etc., in G.O. No. 1004, Revenue, dated 6th April 1953, to attend to this item of work exclusively for a period of four months. The Special Staff was appointed for this work with effect from 13th September 1953 and the sanction accorded expired on

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12th January 1954. As the work has not yet been completed, the Collector has retained the staff and has submitted proposals for the further continuance of the staff. The proposal is under the consideration of the Revenue Department."

Promotion of Deputy Collectors belonging to Scheduled Caste as Collectors.

* 439 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Deputy Collectors promoted as Collectors in the year 1953; and

(*b*) the number of Harijan Deputy Collectors, if any, so promoted and the number of Harijan Deputy Collectors available for promotion during that period?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) Eight Deputy Collectors were promoted as Collectors and to equivalent posts during 1953.

" (*b*) Of the eight Deputy Collectors promoted during 1953, one belonged to the Scheduled Caste. A Deputy Collector becomes available for promotion as Collector when he has attained sufficient experience and made good record in his work. Actual promotion depends also on suitable vacancies. It may be presumed that the promotion of one Deputy Collector belonging to the Scheduled Caste satisfied these conditions. It is once again to be deprecated that questions based on the idea of communal representation in making promotions in the Public Services are raised on the floor of this House."

Construction of houses for Harijans in the City of Madras.

11 a.m. * 440 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state the number of houses proposed to be built for the Harijans in the City of Madras in the year 1954–55?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government."

Construction of a dam at Udayvar in South Kanara district.

* 441 Q.—SRI T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to construct a dam across the river at Udayvar at Shirva in Nadibettur village in South Kanara?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The question is being examined by the Public Works Department."